The plan is

a party as the village turns 85 years old

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eventy-five years quietly came and went, but the Campbellville Area Business Association (CABA) is seeing to it that 85 won't be missed.

The village of Campbellville, which officially came into being in 1914, will celebrate its 85th birthday Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27.

CABA will host the two-day celebration in the village core from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., said Ann Akkermans of the organization.

"It will be nice," she said. "Everyone's looking forward to it."

Clowns, a live band, pony rides and street vendors will be featured in the party for all ages. Also on the agenda will be food, a petting zoo and face painting.

Cake will be served

Sneak the Clown will make a special visit from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday will feature a live band from 2 to 5 p.m., and clog dancing from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Cutting the cake at 2 p.m. Saturday will be Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh along with Alice Smith, one of Campbellville's oldest residents.

Ms Akkermans said it was elderly citizens who brought Campbellville's 85th birthday to her attention recently so she passed on the information to CABA members at their next meeting

The association decided to organize a celebration with Ms Akkermans and a colleague at the helm.

No such event was held when the village turned 75, but recognition of Campbellville's 85th birthday may start a new trend, she said.

The village was formed when John Campbell and his family left their home in Islay, an island in the Inner Hebrides, in 1831.

Six week voyage

The Campbells boarded a ship and landed in Montreal six weeks later. Next year, by boat and bush trail, they arrived at the lot that they had received from the Canada Company — lot 3, concession 3 in the Township of Nassagaweya.

The family lived in a teepee-like structure until they had cleared some land and built a log house. It's believed the house was later covered with stucco and is at 37 Campbell Avenue West.

In 1838, Mr. Campbell dammed the Sixteen Mile Creek, which ran through the property, and built a sawmill at the eastern end of the pond. This was the industry that formed the nucleus of the village.

Mr. Campbell drew up a plan and called his village Campbellville.

In 1914, the Police Village of Campbellville officially came into being and the first trustees were Frank Wheelihan, Dr. G.B. Carbert and C.A. Elsley.

Through the years, the population count has varied, but the quiet spot was once a busy industrial and business centre. In 1914 the town saw the hustle and bustle of three inns, a carriage shop that operated in conjunction with an undertaking business, two blacksmiths, three stores, a tanbark factory, a shoemaker shop, a brick works, a sawmill, a drill shed and two churches.

Ms Akkermans said she hopes the next celebration will be in recognition of 100 years.

Police say man fled crash scene

Police allege a drunk driver fled an accident scene on foot after an Aerostar van struck a tree on Campbellville Road May 30.

The van, with no licence plates, crashed into a tree 2 kms west of Guelph Line at 8 p.m., according to Halton Regional Police.

After a call from a witness, a man was arrested in the area. Two people were in the car. No one was hurt.

A 33-year-old No. 15 Sideroad man faces charges of impaired driving, driving with over the legal limit of alcohol in his blood, failing to remain at the scene of an accident and driving without a

